

VillageVoice

The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

May 2022

Calendar

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th **Knitting Group** *Get your knit on*
4th **Cafe at the Chapel** *Pop by for a natter and nibbles*
9th **Parish Council Meeting** 7.30pm, Village Hall
7th **Men's Breakfast Club** *Saturday morning Full English*
13th, 27th **Baby & Toddler Group** *Camaraderie for parents*
14th **Village Market & Cafe** *Tea, coffee, cake, soup, and more*
21st **Annual Parish Meeting** 2pm - 5pm, Village Hall

Stanton Harcourt and Sutton Summer Festival 2022

"Royal Stanton's Jubilee"

Festival week events: Saturday 4th June - Sunday 12th June

The "Big Jubilee Lunch" – Sunday 5th June on The Green

Festival Day: Saturday 11th June 2022

Congratulations to our 2022 Festival "Royals"

We are pleased to announce that our Festival Attendant will be **Kyra Monroe**. Kyra will accompany our reigning Festival Queen **Lucy Taylor** in the Royal Parade this year and will take over from Lucy as Queen next year.

Our Festival Prince will be **Ewan Carter** and our Festival Princess is **Florence Gascoigne**.

We look forward to seeing them all dressed in their finery on Festival Day.

And calling all former Festival Royals

The first "Festival" took place in 1977 for the Queen's Silver Jubilee. We would like to invite former Festival Kings and Queens to take part in this year's Jubilee event so if you were a former Stanton "Royal" do email gill@gillmason.com. We would love to hear from you.

The "Big Jubilee Lunch" – Sunday 5th June on The Green

You are invited to a "Street Party on The Green" from midday on Sunday 5th June.

We are organising some Bouncy Castles to keep the children entertained. Bring your own party food and drink. Tables and chairs will be available.

Bring along an entry to our jubilee "bake off". The "Victoria" Sandwich is so last century so we are inviting you to create a new classic - the "Elizabeth Sandwich". Judging will take place on the day and we hope all entries can then be shared.

Jubilee House Decorating Competition

We will be dressing the village with suitably royal bunting for Festival and we will be offering prizes for the best decorated houses. How royal can you make your house and garden look?

And a quick reminder that:

If you want to run a stall on the school field on Festival Day contact Lucy on 07775 604466 or email lucylowe1974@gmail.com.

If you are interested in holding an event during festival week contact Mike Parker on 884435 or email mikeparker12@gmail.com.

For other enquiries about Festival or to volunteer to help with the organisation of this year's event then please contact Richard Thomson (rich.thom77@gmail.com)

Best wishes **The Festival Committee**



"Extra! Extra! Read all about it!"

Deliverers needed for Village Voice so you can read all about it, whatever "it" may be...

We have three delivery rounds up for grabs!
If you're feeling energetic you can take on all three, combine two, or just take on the one round.

If you'd like to earn some extra money (£0.10 per copy) and help deliver Village Voice to your community please get in touch at village-voice@hotmail.co.uk

Village Hall Solar Power Project

Saving Carbon and Improving Sustainability

Working in partnership with the Parish Council, the Village Hall Committee have now applied for planning permission to install an array of solar panels set into the roof facing towards Bury Mead and also have an agreed contractor to do this. As much of the hall's usage is in the evening, we are investing in a high capacity battery to store any surplus energy generated. That way we hope to be able to save up to 60% of both our carbon and expenditure and ensure we keep hall rental as accessible to the village as we can. We hope the installation will happen over the summer holidays to minimise any potential disruption to hall users. The project is funded by S106 planning obligation money secured by the Parish Council topped up by grants and funds raised by the Village Hall Committee.

Lucy Heath, Stanton Harcourt Village Hall Committee

Tread Carefully

With the lighter evenings and the weather beginning to warm up, people naturally want to get out into the countryside and enjoy the outdoors. There are lots of public rights of way, both footpaths and Bridleways in your area. Please stick to them for your own safety and keep dogs under close control, preferably on a lead round livestock, ground nesting birds and other wildlife. Please don't leave litter and dog mess. Get an OS Landranger map and make yourself aware of the Countryside Code (you can download both onto your mobile). Protect the environment, enjoy the countryside and respect those who live and work in it.

Thank you. Stanton Harcourt and Northmoor Farmers Group.

Village Shop & Post Office

Monday Shop only 08:00 - 10:00

Tuesday Shop & Post Office 08:00 - 11:30

Wednesday Shop only 08:00 - 10:00

Thursday Shop & Post Office 08:00 - 11:30

Friday Shop only 08:00 - 10:00

Saturday Shop & Post Office 08:00 - 11:30

Sunday Shop only 08:00 - 10:00

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The Pagan name for May Day is Beltane, which means "Day of fire", which marks the coming of summer and fertility.



Deadline for next issue is 20th of the month
village-voice@hotmail.co.uk

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Parish Council News

Next Parish Council Meeting at the Village Hall

Monday 9th May 7:30pm

Online observation link: <https://meet.google.com/ifb-ezdy-dci>

Your Parish Council

Stanton Harcourt Parish Council represents the interests of the people of Stanton Harcourt and Sutton to other public authorities, and is consulted on things like planning, public transport, road improvements, mineral policy. We provide and maintain community notice boards and benches, three play areas and many green spaces and ensure that community bins are emptied regularly. We try to improve the community environment by planting both trees and flowers, supporting both the Litter Picking and Speed watch groups.

We currently have six volunteer councillors plus our Parish Clerk. We hold regular meetings - the first Monday of the month - and we encourage and welcome our community to join us. We are here to represent you, so we are happy to receive your input both positive and negative.

Annual Parish Meeting

You are all invited to the meeting of the Parish on Saturday May 21st, from 2pm to 5pm at the Village Hall

This is your opportunity to:

- Identify which, if any, request for sport and leisure grants your Parish Council should follow up, all current requests are on the Parish Council website if you wish to read them before the meeting.
- Express your views on the Village 20mph proposal
- Tell the Parish Council the issues you wish us to address
- Initiate discussions with other villagers on key issues
- Tell the Parish council about any clubs or leisure facilities you would like to see in our village
- Meet Parish, District and County Councillors
- Catch up with old and new friends

There will also be stands representing local voluntary clubs and organisations - providing an opportunity to participate or volunteer.

And it is our opportunity to show you what we have achieved over the last 12 months and what we plan to achieve in this year

Stanton Harcourt Social and Leisure facilities grants

When housing developers apply for planning permission, they are required to provide contributions to mitigate the impact of their development, this is normally in the form of contributions to local schools, GP surgeries, and monies towards the maintenance and improvement of social and leisure facilities.

There is currently £125,200 available to Stanton Harcourt and Sutton community groups for the provision/ improvement and maintenance of community sports and recreation facilities.

There will be a further £78,960 available when 30 homes under development at Butts Piece have been occupied

Parish Councillors

Your Parish Councillors are here to help: please do not hesitate to get in contact if you would like to raise an issue with the PC, for general issues please raise with the Clerk in the first instance:

Matthew Judson (Chair) - matthew@shpc.co.uk

Gill Sellars (Deputy Chair) - gill@shpc.co.uk

Rachel Arnold - rachel@shpc.co.uk

Keith Hickson - keith@shpc.co.uk

Joe Deane - joe@shpc.co.uk

Tony Pentland - tony@shpc.co.uk

www.pc.stantonharcourt.online Parish Council Information

Please address all official communications to the Parish Clerk: Trudi Gasser, 5 Woodlands, Standlake, Oxon, OX29 7RA, clerk@shpc.co.uk / Tel: 01865 686498

Footpath Update

Great news. The footpath down to the river from Sutton has recently had a new bridge put in by the OCC Countryside Service team and steps down to the river field replaced making it much safer. The Thames Path team have also replaced the rotting finger post half way down Steady's Lane with a very smart new one. It just goes to show that reporting these issues can bring positive results so please don't hold back in doing so on the OCC website. Just register on the Countryside Access map and you can see what problems have been reported plus report any you see. A photo always helps and it seems the more often it's reported, the more priority it gets in being resolved.



In 1644, Members of Parliament banned all festivities on May Day - guess they weren't fans of a good maypole dance!

Village Market & Cafe

Saturday 14th May 12-2pm, Stanton Harcourt Village Hall

Come along to the famous market and cafe. Held once a month at Stanton Harcourt Village Hall with all sorts of delights from local producers, crafters and sellers. Pop by for a cuppa and a bowl of delicious homemade soup and a chat with your fellow villagers.

Reminder: no market in June due to Queen's Jubilee/Village Festival

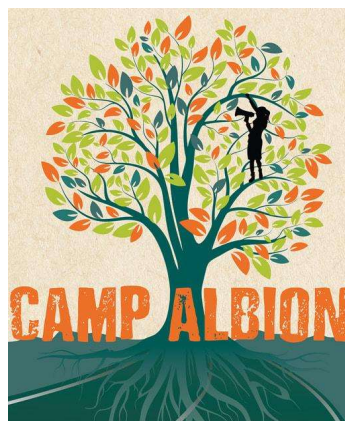


Camp Albion - Watermill Theatre

Save the date - Friday 24th June 2022

The Watermill Theatre are returning to the garden of Stanton Harcourt Village Hall for another outdoor summer performance.

Tickets will be available at the start of Festival Week.



Camp Albion - Newbury, 1996. Nine miles of ancient woodland under threat, and the local community bitterly divided over the proposed route of the new bypass. When Cassie returns home for the university holidays, she meets Dylan, a beguiling road protester who draws her into a world of rickety treehouses, lentil stew, druidic rituals and stoic resistance. But her mother has other ideas, and as battle lines are drawn, Cassie must face the personal cost of activism.

In a time before smartphones, Twitter, Greta Thunberg and Extinction Rebellion, the 'Third Battle of Newbury' was one of the definitive environmental campaigns of the 1990s. A new play with music, Camp Albion explores the heroism, humour and heated debate of this extraordinary moment in the town's history.



CAFE AT THE CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY 4 MAY 10.00 – 12.00

FRESH ROASTED COFFEE SELECTION OF TEAS

TOASTED TEACAKES, CRUMPETS AND HOT BUTTERED TOAST

CRAFT AND GIFT TABLE TO BROWSE

A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO ARRANGE TO MEET UP WITH FRIENDS FOR A CHAT AND CATCH UP OVER COFFEE WITHOUT HAVING TO DRIVE OUT OF THE VILLAGE OR JUST DROP IN FOR A CHAT AND SOME FRIENDLY COMPANY

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU!

Page 3 Bird: Exchequer Leghorn



Introducing Goldie, the rather splendid Exchequer Leghorn, a Gemini with expensive taste and big plans. Goldie is part of the Leghorn chicken family, one of the most efficient egg layers of the chicken world. Despite her relatively small size of 4 ½ pounds, Goldie can lay up to 5 large eggs per week – she's no Buff Orpington, that's for sure! Exchequer Leghorns developed spontaneously in the leghorn flock of Scottish breeder Robert Miller in 1904. He took a fancy to the unusual markings and developed the, now, popular breed.

Goldie's chic sense of style makes her one of the more attractive domesticated chickens, with a coat rivalling a certain Ms de Vil's and the bonus of no animal welfare rights being affected in the process. Her fabulous comb ensures she always makes a statement, but it does put her at risk of frostbite; so nights out in the open gazing at the starry sky are usually avoided, which does make things difficult for this budding astrologer.

She's an energetic bird, always on the go, and enjoys making a song and dance of her exceptional egg laying abilities. Not the most sociable of your flock, Goldie can appear aloof, which may be true as her business acumen sees her trading her delicious eggs to fund her growing art collection.

Men's Breakfast Club

1st Saturday of every month
8am at The Harcourt Arms
£12.00
Full English Breakfast

To book your place call:
 John Holland OX 881906 or The Harcourt Arms OX 416516



Biscuit Wordsearch

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BOURBON ~ DIGESTIVE ~ CUSTARD CREAM ~ NICE ~ OREO ~
 RICH TEA ~ ARROWROOT ~ HOBNOB ~ MARIE ~ JAMMIE DODGERS ~ PINK
 WAFER ~ GARIBALDI ~ SHORTBREAD ~ GINGER NUT ~ MALTED MILK

Witney Talking News For The Blind

Witney Talking News is desperately short of male voices. We record items from the Witney Gazette on a Thursday evening in Witney and are looking for more male voices to record with our team. The commitment is for approx. 1½ hours once every 4-6 weeks. If you would like further information, or you would like to volunteer, please call Nigel on 01993 881711

Poetry Corner

A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away... A story would capture the imaginations of millions, entertaining audiences for generations with futuristic worlds, endearing characters, exciting space battles, and, perhaps most importantly, some much needed escapism. Now, we have 4th May to celebrate our love of space politics.

May the 4th be with you, young padawan.

Dad's Luke Skywalker Figurine

*There it was, upon the shelf,
 I just couldn't stop myself.
 My Dad's rare, oh-so-pristine
 Luke Skywalker figurine,
 In the package, wrapped up tight –
 Mint condition, dynamite!*

*But, today, I couldn't wait,
 Nope, I didn't hesitate –
 Ripped the plastic open fast,
 Luke Skywalker, free at last.
 I know what I did was wrong,
 Sure enough, it wasn't long...*

*Dad walked in and saw me there,
 Total silence filled the air.
 I was guilty, that was plain,
 I could see I'd caused him pain.
 He breather deep, got on one knee,
 Then sat down and played with me.*

Ian Doescher (1977 –)



Is it all a farce?

The Editor would like to wholeheartedly apologise for the false information printed in May 2021's issue under the article titled "Page 3 Bird - Nightingale". Recent information has come to light that suggests the extraordinary 1924 duet performed by cellist Beatrice Harrison and a singing nightingale in her Surrey garden was, in fact, faked by the BBC.

It would appear that the poor resident nightingale was frightened off by the unusual garden visitors. Eager not to disappoint a waiting radio audience the BBC had a back up plan - a bird impressionist! The tuneful warbling heard on the recording is now thought to have been Maude Gould, a whistler or siffleur known as Madame Saberon. However, we don't have definitive confirmation of that either, so we'll leave this here and hope there isn't another Nightingale based correction in 2023!



Lower Windrush Choral Society

Music for Monarchs

Directed by: Terry McNamara
 Organist: Francis Rumsey

Saturday 14th May 2022
at 6.00 pm
 (to finish around 7.15 pm)

High Street Methodist Church
Witney OX28 6HG

Tickets not required; donations welcomed

www.lowerwindrush.org
 Registered Charity No 1152661



Some beliefs held that May Day was the last chance for fairies to travel to the Earth.

Eid's Time To Celebrate!

Beef Bhuna

In 2022 the Muslim festival Eid al-Fitr is expected to begin on the evening of Monday 2nd May and end on the evening of Tuesday 3rd May.

In Arabic, Eid al-Fitr means "Festival of Breaking Fast", and marks the end of the month-long dawn-to-sunset fasting of Ramadan.

In countries like Egypt and Pakistan, Muslims decorate their homes with lanterns, twinkling lights or flowers. Special food is prepared and friends and family are invited over to celebrate.

Whether you're celebrating Eid yourself this year, or simply fancy trying your hand at a new recipe, we've found this beef curry, packed with flavour, and delicious served with chapatis or jeera rice - perfect for a special occasion.

Ingredients: (serves 6)

100ml vegetable oil
4 cardamom pods
3-4 bay leaves
3 cinnamon sticks
pinch of fenugreek seeds (methi seeds)
3 medium onions, sliced
1kg braising or stewing beef, cut into bite-sized pieces
1½ tsp grated ginger, plus a few thin slices to serve
1½ tsp crushed garlic (about 3 cloves)
2 tsp hot curry powder (we used hot madras curry powder)
1 tsp garam masala
1 tsp ground coriander
1 tsp ground cumin
1 tsp Kashmiri chilli powder (optional)
1 tsp chilli powder
1 tsp turmeric
2 tomatoes, quartered
fresh coriander leaves, to serve

Method:

1. Gently heat the oil in a saucepan. Add the cardamom, bay, cinnamon sticks and fenugreek, and fry for a few minutes until the aromas are released. Add the onions and brown over a high heat for 10-15 mins, stirring occasionally.
2. Add the beef, along with the ginger and garlic. Fry until the meat is browned on all sides, about 10 mins. Stir in 1½ tsp salt, followed by the rest of the spices. Mix well and add the tomatoes. Cover and cook over a low-medium heat for about 5 mins, or until the tomatoes are soft.
3. Mix the bhuna, cover again and simmer over a low heat for a further 1-1½ hrs, until the beef is tender. (The timing depends on the size of the beef pieces.) If the curry begins to look a little dry while cooking, top up with water.
4. Pour in a little water to loosen the curry – how much is up to you, the more you add, the thinner the sauce will be. Boil for 7-10 mins, then scatter over the coriander and sliced ginger, and serve immediately.

Handy Hints for Horticulturalists

Summer's on its way - is your garden ready?

- 🌱 Earth up potatoes
- 🌱 Sow succession crops, such as salad leaves
- 🌻 Plant out summer bedding at the end of the month
- 🌻 Give yourself a break and participate in "no mow May"

Biscuits, biscuits everywhere

29th May is National Biscuit Day - never has there been a better excuse to crack open that packet of ginger nuts and get dunking? Hobnobs - yea or nay? It's a great debate in our house. The Old French word *bescuit* derives from the Latin words *bis* (twice) and *coquere*, *coctus* (to cook, cooked) - meaning "twice-cooked". This is because biscuits were originally cooked in a twofold process: first baked, and then dried out in a slow oven.

Church News

Lower Windrush Benefice

St Michael's Church, Stanton Harcourt

Sunday 1st May

8:30am HC BCP at Stanton Harcourt followed by breakfast

Sunday 8th May

10am Benefice Holy Communion (CW) at St Michael's, Stanton Harcourt

11:30am Baptism of Thomas Gascoigne at Stanton Harcourt Manor

Sunday 15th May

10am Benefice Holy Communion (CW) at St Michael's, Stanton Harcourt

11am Wild Wonder Lambing service, Church Farm, Northmoor

Regular online Zoom services (zoom link found on our website):

Every Wednesday evening at 8.30pm - Compline Night Prayer

Every Thursday morning at 7:30am - Early Bird Prayer

For more information about all services taking place in the Benefice (Stanton Harcourt, Northmoor, Standlake, Yelford) please visit the Lower Windrush benefice website:

www.lowerwindrushbenefice.org

Sutton Methodist Chapel

Sunday 8th May

3.00pm Informal Service - everyone welcome

St Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Eynsham

For information about services at St Peter's please visit

www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk/



Tradition dictates that washing one's face in the dew from May Day morning beautifies the skin.

Pilates Classes

with Nicky

Classes to be held in Stanton Harcourt



All ages and levels of fitness welcome - Classes will range from Beginner to Advanced. Tuesdays and Wednesdays - times to be confirmed

For more information and to book online

www.physiquepilates.co.uk

Tel : 07949 764 966